"THE WALLS FALL"

Joshua 6:1 - 25

Point #1. (vs.#1) Satan's Plans Can Get Completely Messed Up When We Mean Business With God.

"Now Jericho was strictly shut up because of the children of Israel, none went out, and none came in." The enemy does take note when we give him reason to feel intimidated. We must be fearless in this 'fight'. (I Timothy 6:12 - "Fight the good fight of faith..."

Ephesians 6:12 - "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Point #2. (vs. #2) God Gives Us The Victory In Our Battles If We Believe His Word. "The Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given unto thine hand Jericho, and the King thereof, and the mighty men of valor." God will bring the mighty low. (See: Proverbs 16:18)

Point #3. (vs. #3-5;10-14) The Battle Plan.

Find out what God wants you to do in every battle that you face. Follow His directions for the victory. Use the Word as your defense. Notice the people were not to speak (vs. #10) for six days during the march. They marched once around the city perimeter.
The only noise was the sound of the trumpets. (vs. #6) The ark of the covenant was carried by the priests. This ark represented the presence of God, which symbolizes the Holy Spirit living in our heart's today.

Point #4. (vs. #9) The Armed Men. These men went before the priests who were carrying the ark and blowing the trumpets.
The rearward (rear of people) were after the ark as well. This clearly pictures how the presence (the Holy Spirit) was protected and guarded during the 7 day procession.

Today, we are the temple of the Holy Spirit. (See: I Cor. 6:19 & 20) Just like the ark of the covenant was guarded, we too, need to guard our heart daily.

Proverbs 4:22 - "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."
Point #5.  (vs. #13 & 14) The Priest’s Were
The Leaders.  This represents how we need
to have spiritual leaders in our lives as we
face trials.  We need their wisdom.
(Proverbs 11:14 - "...in the multitude of
counsellors there is safety.") Church attendance is very important.  It is there we
find wisdom to grow and understand the
Word of God more distinctly.

See:  Hebrews 10:25 - "...forsake not
the assembling of yourselves together..."
Neh. 10:39 / Psalms 92:11 / Psalms 84:4 /
Psalms 122:1 / Psalms 69:9.

Leaders today (pastors, counselors,
teachers, prophets, etc.), do not need to know
the details of your life.  Certainly, when you do need godly counsel and prayer, they should be avail-
able to help you.  Depend on
God the most.  In this story, Joshua received
the instructions from God.  This mighty leader
(Joshua), proceeded to obey and carry these
instructions out.  God has a divine plan for
all of our battles.  We do not have to face
trials alone.  It's always God's will for us to
walk in total victory as we walk by faith and
trust completely upon Him.

Point #6.  (vs. #15, #16 & #20)
Rise Early And Shout!

Psalms 113:3 - "From the rising of the sun
unto the going down of the same, the Lord's
name is to be praised."

Look forward to your victory.  Picture it
done before it actually manifests.  Faith
doesn't dread.  "Faith is the substance of
things hoped for."  (Hebrews 11:1)

Joshua 6:15 - "... they rose early about the
dawning of the day..."  (Read verse #16)
"Shout, for the Lord hath given you the
city."

See: Romans 8:37 - "... we are more than
conquerors..."

Point #7.  (vs. #17, #22, #23 & #25)
Remember Rahab.

Why Rahab?  God loves sinners, especially
when they show faith in Him. Rahab represents a type of the sinner turning to Jesus.

See: Joshua 2:8-21. The story of Rahab. 
Verse #17 (b) - "...because she hid the messengers that we sent." God definitely rewards those who are kind to His servants.

Point #8. (vs. #18, #19, #21 & #24)
Obedience To The Last Detail. 
See: I Samuel 15: 22 & 23. "...To obey is better than sacrifice..." (vs. #22)

Joshua 6:21 - "...utterly destroy all..."

They put the gold, vessels of brass and all iron into God's treasury. Give - before, during, and after, your battles! God loves a cheerful giver. See: II Cor. 9:7 / II Cor. 9:6 & 8 / Luke 6:38 / Ecc. ll:1 / Matthew 10:8 - "...freely ye have received, freely give."

NOTE: There IS a direct relationship between our level of giving and our level of anointing from God.

CLOSING REMARKS: Our tests are testimonies in the making. Our battles are blessings about to unfold. We are not victims, but victors, winning with triumph, over the wiles of the devil. (Eph. 6:16)

The Word of God (the shield of faith), gives us that victory! "That ye may be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." (Eph. 6:16)

1 John 5:4 - "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." Luke 18:8 - "When the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

May you be that one walking in faith when our Lord returns someday!